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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC NOTE EXPRESSING GOC CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE
ELIMINATION OF ITEMS 806.3 AND 807.0 OF TSUS

REF: (A) BOGOTA 00117; (B) BOGOTA 00778; (C) BOGOTA 1559

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE 1294 DATED MARCH 21
FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER
POSSIBLE ELIMINATION OF ITEMS 806.3 AND 807.0 OF THE TSUS.
TRANSLATION (SUBSTANTIVE PARTS ONLY) FOLLOWS IN PARA TWO.

2. QUOTE AS THE EMBASSY IS AWARE, ITEM 807.0 PROVIDES THAT
ARTICLES THAT ARE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR
ASSEMBLY ABROAD AND LATER REEXPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES
WILL BE SUBJECT TO IMPORT DUTIES ONLY ON "THE TOTAL VALUE
OF THE IMPORTED ARTICLE LESS THE COST OR VALUE OF THE U.S.
COMPONENTS". THIS CAN CONSTITUTE AN INCENTIVE FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES IN DIFFERENT
ECONOMIC SECTORS IN COUNTRIES HAVING A STRUCTURE OF
AVAILABILITY AND COST OF FACTORS OF PRODUCTION DIFFERENT
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FROM THOSE EXISTING IN THE UNITED STATES, AS IS THE CASE
IN COLOMBIA, AND PERMIT MANUFACTURED COMPONENTS THAT
CAN BE PRODUCED UNDER OPTIMUM CONDITIONS IN THE EFFICIENT
ECONOMY OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE INCORPORATED IN
IMPORTED GOODS REQUIRING INTENSIVE HAND LABOR IN WHOSE
MANUFACTURE NORTH AMERICAN PRODUCERS COULD NOT COMPETE.
IN THIS MANNER THE ECONOMY OF THE UNITED STATES AS WELL

AS THOSE OF THE ASSEMBLING COUNTRIES ARE BENEFITTED.
QUOTE FOR MANY YEARS, THE REFERENCED ITEMS OF THE TSUS HAVE
BEEN OPPOSED BY U.S. LABOR UNIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE
RELATED TO THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY.
QUOTE IN THE LAST SESSION OF THE 94TH CONGRESS, THE SUB-COMIT-
TEE ON COMMERCE OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE PASSED,
WITH A FAVORABLE VOTE, A PROJECTED LAW THAT WAS ORIGI-
NALLY INTENDED TO REPEAL THE SECTIONS DEALING WITH
806.3 AND 807.0 BUT WAS LATER AMENDED TO REPEAL ONLY
THE PART RELATED TO CLOTHING UNDER 807.0 HOWEVER IN
THE END THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE DID NOT REPORT
THE BILL OUT.
QUOTE GIVEN THAT IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT EFFORTS TO OBTAIN
THE REPEAL OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE RENEWED, THE GOVERN-
MENT OF COLOMBIA WISHES TO EXPRESS TO THE EMBASSY THE
INTENSE INTEREST WITH WHICH IT VIEWS SUCH A POSSIBILITY
BECAUSE OF THE NEGATIVE EFFECT THAT IT WOULD HAVE ON THE
EXPORTATION OF COLOMBIAN CLOTHING UNDER THE SYSTEM ESTABLISHED
BY ITEM 807.0 AS WELL AS ITS EFFECT ON OUR INDUSTRIAL
GROWTH POTENTIAL AND THE LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT IN THIS
SECTOR. END QUOTE.
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